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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	4394th (resumed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

General issues relating to sanctions

3.30 p.m.	4397th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, A

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 4th meeting of the General Committee of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (see p. 5).

The 31st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 5).

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1343 (2001) CONCERNING LIBERIA

10.30 a.m.	7th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.30 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [86] (A/56/20 and Corr.1, A/56/306, A/56/394, A/C.4/56/L.6)

Conclusion of general debate

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.6

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/56/174, A/56/70-E/2001/58, A/56/70/Add.1-E/2001/58/Add.1, A/56/70/Add.2-E/2001/58/Add.2, A/56/320 and Add.1)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/56/39, Supplement No. 39, A/56/134 and Add.1, A/56/465)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/56/39, Supplement No. 39, A/56/134 and Add.1, A/56/465)

Continuation of general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution (A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103))

* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [124] (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Common services at Geneva (Part II) (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/417/Rev.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

UNAMSIL

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 25 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held *today*, 25 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will hold a meeting *today*, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9, with participation of all interested delegations, for the purpose of reviewing the draft text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing 2002 (as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9), in preparation for the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee on 10 December 2001.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 25 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP AND AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP: EXPERTS ON THE FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on Beijing+5)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Chairman of the Global Environment Facility)

11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be a closed meeting of the Mason Group *today*, 25 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Terrorism and Disarmament", sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, *today*, 25 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The symposium, will be opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; tel.: (212) 963-2389/3980).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 26 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of Member States (A/56/231) [8]

10 a.m.	31st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: documentation for the election of the members of the International Law Commission [8 and 16 (a)]

2. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from Portugal (A/56/467) [15 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Capacity-building and Poverty Eradication - Lessons from Evaluations", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator, Impact Evaluation of Operational Activities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Ms. Joyce Mapunjo, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania; Dr. Meena Acharya, evaluator and author on gender and poverty issues, Nepal; Dr. Kenneth King, former Minister of Economic Development, Guyana; and Mr. Haven North, former Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Aid Evaluation.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D, and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 209th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax: (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda sub-items 98 (b), (c) and (e)) (Environment and sustainable development)* on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships))* on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8 on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001.

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There will be meetings of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Women, Peace and Security: Improving Women's Protection and Supporting Their Role in Peace-building", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) on Friday 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Participants will include Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; as well as representatives of UNICEF, WFP and UNHCR. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For additional information, please call Ms. Heike Alefsen (tel.: (212) 906-5585).

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Making Sustainable Commitments: An Environmental Strategy for the World Bank", organized by the World Bank, on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Director for Environment, will make a presentation. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: Deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Cooperation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4395th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ninth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/970)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Amos Namanga Ngongi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Council then heard a statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, Mali, Mauritius, the United States, China, Jamaica, Colombia, Norway, Ukraine, Singapore, the Russian Federation and Bangladesh, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Ireland.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and Central and Eastern European associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and Iceland, EFTA country member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Namibia, Zambia, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a statement.

Mr. Ngongi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

4396th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ninth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/970)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/29).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Uruguay, China, Norway and Belgium.

The representative of Nicaragua introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.34.

The representative of Sri Lanka introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.7.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.32.

The representative of India introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.8.

The Secretary of the First Committee informed delegations that the following Member States had become cosponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.7, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; A/C.1/56/L.15, Sweden, Egypt and New Zealand; A/C.1/56/L.24, Guinea, Eritrea, Namibia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe and Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.26, Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.34, Namibia, Lithuania, Ghana and Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.37, Austria; A/C.1/56/L.39, Eritrea; A/C.1/56/L.45, Guatemala; A/C.1/56/L.47, Austria, Burundi, Cambodia, Croatia, Cyprus, Eritrea, Estonia, Ghana, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Namibia, Nigeria, Portugal, Republic of Moldova and Zambia; and A/C1/56/L.50, Uzbekistan and Lao People's Democratic Republic.

THIRD COMMITTEE

20th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Mongolia, San Marino, Thailand, Japan, Iceland, Romania, Venezuela, Iraq, Costa Rica and Angola.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

21st meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.8/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia orally corrected the text and announced that Guinea, Myanmar and the Sudan had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Mali, the Niger and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.10/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia orally corrected the text and announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution, and that the Sudan should have been included as an original sponsor of the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Cambodia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Fiji, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, Mauritania, the Niger, Sierra Leone, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.12/Rev.1**

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to the revised draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Portugal announced that Brazil, Cuba, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Fiji and Mozambique had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

Subsequently, Armenia, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Israel, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mongolia, Nepal, the Niger, Nigeria, Solomon Islands, Swaziland and Trinidad and Tobago joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 108.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.4

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.4.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.5

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.5.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.16

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to the text when the draft resolution was introduced.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

International drug control [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.18

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Antigua and Barbuda and Cambodia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Belize, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Brunei Darussalam, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Nepal, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Swaziland and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Sri Lanka, Qatar, Nigeria, Canada, Belarus, Israel, Brazil and Sierra Leone.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

45th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council

Action on draft decision E/2001/L.45/Rev.2 and programme budget implications contained in E/2001/L.47/Rev.1

The President drew the attention of the Council to programme budget implications of draft decision E/2001/L.45/Rev.2 contained in document E/2001/L.47/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Council orally amended the draft decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Council adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The President of the Council made a statement.

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Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Action on draft decision E/2001/L.48

The Council adopted the draft decision.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin, the Russian Federation and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Coordination, programme and other questions [7]

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Action on draft decision E/2001/L.50

The Secretary of the Council orally corrected the draft decision.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) also orally corrected the draft decision.

The Council adopted the draft decision, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation and Nigeria.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7 (a).

Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development

Action on draft resolution E/2001/L.49

The representative of the United States orally amended the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Council read out a correction to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the United States and Maldives.

The Council adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended and corrected.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (a).

(d) Human settlements (A/56/8)

Action on draft resolution 18/1 contained in the report of the Commission on Human Settlements

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (d).

Organizational matters

The President of the Council made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2001

1970th and 1971st (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [7]

The Committee considered the item.

The Committee began its consideration of concluding observations on Ukraine.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Congo (19 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Congo (19 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Congo (19 October 2001)*

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Bahamas (23 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Mali (24 October 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Liechtenstein (24 October 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Holy See (24 October 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Holy See (24 October 2001)*

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "World Food Day: Issues of Food Security". H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations; and Ms. Florence Chenoweth, Director, Liaison Office, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will be among the speakers. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held *today*, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 25 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Security Briefing

A briefing for delegations regarding security arrangements for the general debate will take place on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The subject of responding to hazardous materials will also be discussed at the briefing. The Security and Safety Service would be grateful for confirmation of your intention to attend. Messages can be left by voice mail on telephone number (212) 963-9346 or sent by e-mail to Jacob Chacko/NY/UNO.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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